

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
May 4, 1997
9:00 a.m.**

Closed Session: Two closed sessions were conducted.

Called To Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Opening ceremony was conducted by Wes Andrews.

Council Present: George Anthony, Alice Yellowbank, Patti Dyer-Deckrow, Frank Ettawageshik, Janet Shomin, Barry Laughlin, Shirley Oldman

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Susan Keller

Guests Present: See attached list.

AGENDA:

The agenda was amended.

Motion was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **Shirley Oldman** to approve agenda as amended.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Accounting Department

The 1996 Tribal Council travel close out files were discussed. Janet Shomin issued a request to stay one week in the Accounting Department to complete the Tribal Council travel close out files.

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to pay Janet Shomin per diem, lodging, and mileage for the week of May 4, 1997 to May 10, 1997 to complete Tribal Council travel close out files with funds to come from the Tribal Council budget.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Francis Killer & Associates

Francis Killer went over his written report verbally to Council. It was decided that the account titled ANA should be changed to HHS, (Health & Human Services). This was done to better clarify how the account is used. Also stated was the need for the personnel files and Personnel Policies needs to be completed. A request was made by Vice-Chairperson, Shirley Oldman, for a deficiency and recommendation report from Francis Killer & Associates.

Francis Killer stated that the Indirect Cost Proposal has been sent, and preliminary discussions have been held. The discussions center around the office of the Tribal General Counsel. Francis Killer stated the need for a full time staff attorney..

Motion was made by **Alice Yellowbank** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to go into closed session at 11:35 for Personnel.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **Shirley Oldman** and was **Seconded** by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** to adopt the Repayment Policy for Travel Advances to Tribal Employees.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Recess: Recess was called at 12:45 p.m. Meeting was called back to order at 1:09 p.m. NRC staff Anthony Hudson and Archie Kiogima were introduced, as well as Leslie Blessing of the Planning Department.

Council Departs: Shirley Oldman departed during the above recess.

Francis Killer & Associates cont'd.

A discussion was held regarding the Accounting Department and the need to have two technicians hired. A Contract Modification was completed by Council.

Motion was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to adopt **Resolution #05049701** supporting the Contract Modification for Accounting project.

Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to approve Francis Killer's verbal & written report.

Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Historical Preservation Report

Wes Andrews gave an overview of his written report. Additions to his written report were the Archeological School on Beaver Island, a development project in Chelsea, MI. Wes stated that he has contacted the Holy Childhood Renovation & Restoration Committee and informed them of his appointment to their committee. He will be attending the Renovation & Restoration Committee meetings.

A discussion was held regarding a site for Repatriation of our ancestors. The cost of repatriation was estimated at \$1500.00. It was stated that pipe carriers will be consulted regarding the ceremony, and also three different age groups of men to participate in order to establish generations of this knowledge.

Motion was made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to accept the Historical Preservation Officer's written and verbal report.

Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Recess: Recess was called at 2:38 p.m. Meeting was called back to order at 2:51 p.m.

BILLS:

There were no bills presented.

Budgets:

Budgets were discussed briefly. Chairman Ettawageshik will have a separate book mailed to Council containing the budgets to be taken at the next Tribal Council meeting.

Motion was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to not accept Chairman Ettawageshik's resignation as acting administrator.

Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

MINUTES/PHONE POLLS:

Barry Laughlin gave a brief report on the conference Susan Keller & he attended in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Motion was made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to approve the minutes of 4-20-97 as amended.

Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** to adopt the 4-6-97 amended meeting minutes.

Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Public Comment: Public comment opened and closed at 3:40 p.m.

Tribal Chairman Report

Motion was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** approving \$2500.00 from the Development account for temporary help for the Accounting Department.

Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to adopt **Resolution #05049702** in support of extending the Forman & Prochaska contract. This resolution supersedes resolution #04209702 adopted on 4/20/97.

Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Community Meeting

It was decided that the Community meeting will be held on the 28th of June.

Motion was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to pay mileage and stipend for Council to attend the Community meeting.

Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Election Board

The Election Board was briefly discussed. Chairman Ettawageshik will make contact with the person who has been recommended.

Administrative Reports

Motion was made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to require staff reports to be submitted in the stated deadline of the Tribal Council calendar. Staff who do not meet the mailing date of packets will be required to present their report at the regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting.

Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Council Departs: Patti Dyer-Deckrow departed at 4:20 p.m.

Great Lakes Native American Conference

The Great Lakes Native American Conference being held in Traverse City was discussed. The cost of this conference is \$30.00 It will be held May 18, 19, 20, and 21, at the Parkplace Hotel. Janet Shomin will attend this conference.

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to pay per diem lodging, and mileage for Janet Shomin to attend the Great Lakes Native American Conference on the 18, 19, 20, and 21.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** to accept the Tribal Chairperson's and interim Tribal Administrator's verbal and written report.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Administrative Reports

Motion was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to accept the Operations, Accounting, Health, Tribal Court, Planner, Housing, Law, and Gaming Administration reports.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Substance Abuse Report

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to accept the Substance Abuse Report.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Enrollment Actions & Report (Amended)

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to adopt List A of the Enrollment list dated 04/28/97.

Vote: 4 YES 1 (Alice Yellowbank) NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to accept the Enrollment Report.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Natural Resources Commission

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** to accept the NRC written report.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Education

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to accept the written Education Report.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to cut a check to News from Indian Country for the posting of the Tribal Administrator's position with funds to come from Development.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to close date of the Administrator's position posting to be two weeks after the publication date of the News from Indian Country.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Constitution

George Anthony, Chairman of the Constitution Core Committee stated: Mr. Chairman the core Constitution Committee is pleased to announce that we have completed a bold new concept of tribal governance. At this time we present to the Tribal Council the draft version of the Constitution of the Waganaksing Odawa at 5:44 p.m.

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to accept the final report of the Constitution Committee.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Public Comment: Public comment opened and closed at 5:53 p.m.

Council Departs: Alice Yellowbank departed at 5:55 p.m.

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to accept the donation of legal books for the LTBB law library from LTBB Police Chief, Phil Ludos.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Council Departs: Alice Yellowbank departed.

Mileage

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to pay Susan Keller a one time payment for \$397.00 from Development for mileage incurred to and from Council meetings ending 3/31/97.

Vote: 4 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Recess: Recess was called at 6:23 p.m. Meeting was called back to order at 6:33 p.m.

Motion was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to go into closed session at 6:34 p.m.

Vote: 4 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to adjourn the tribal council meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Vote: 4 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

These minutes have been read and approved as written:

Barry Laughlin, Tribal Council Secretary

Date